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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Applicant : McCollough, Jr., Norman D.
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, concerning the above captioned application, setting a shortened statutory response date of March 16, 2006. It is not believed that any extension of time is required in which to provide this response.

The style of this Amendment and follows the Notice in the Federal Register of June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611-38630) amending 37 CFR 1.121.

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Applicant's Response begins at page 4 of this paper.